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In re Application of	:	
Charles JAMES, et al	:	
Application No. 10/673,086	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 26, 2003	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 99-1220-CIP	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed August 9, 2007.


The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

The Office cannot approve the request at this time since the reason provided does not meet any of the conditions under the mandatory or permissive categories enumerated in 37 CFR 10.40. Section 10.40 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulation states, "a practitioner shall not withdraw from employment in a proceeding before the Office without permission from the Office." More specifically, 37 CFR 10.40 states, "if paragraph (b) of this section is not applicable, a practitioner may not request permission to withdraw in matter pending before the Office unless such request or such withdrawal is" for one the permissive reasons listed in 37 CFR 10.40(c). The reason set forth in the request, assignee has obtained other counsel, does not meet any of the conditions set forth in 37 CFR 10.40, since Assignee has not properly intervened.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

There is an outstanding Office action mailed January 16, 2008 that requires a reply by the applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-6735.


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